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1. The city of Yambol (N 42-28, E 26-25) is an okoliya center of Stara Zagora Okrug. It has approximately 40,000 inhabitants, most of whom are engaged in agricultural work. It is an important communications center for rail and highway traffic to Sofia, Burgas, Sliven, and the Turkish border via Elkhovo (N 42-08, E 26-33).
2. The okoliya council and the okoliya court are located in a 3-story building on Krasni Ploshtad (Beautiful Square). The city council and post office buildings are also located on this square. One of the city's two police stations is located near Krasni Ploshtad, and the other is on 9 September Street.
3. The city's one railroad station was built in 1951 and is located on the opposite side of the Tundzha River from the main part of the city. The freight depot and warehouses are located 150 to 200 meters south of the station.
4. Yambol has the following industrial enterprises:
 - a. The Tundzha (formerly Susin) Cotton Textile Mill, located approximately one kilometer south of the railroad station; it employs 1,000-1,500 workers;
 - b. The Durzhavna Keramichna (formerly Marin Kef) Brick Factory, located near the railroad station; it employs approximately 1,000 workers and has a daily production of several tons;
 - c. A rice factory (cleaning and sorting), located approximately one kilometer south of the railroad station; it employs 20 to 30 workers;
 - d. A vegetable canning factory, located 300 to 400 meters west of the railroad station; and
 - e. The former Danchev Chemical Factory, located 200 meters west of the railroad station; it employs 20 workers and produces crop disinfectants, vine disinfectants (blue and green vitriol), and flour disinfectants (Flytox).

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5. The city receives its electric power from other cities (no further details). The transformer station is located 100 to 200 meters west of the railroad station and near the burned-out Vasil Kolarov (former Khadzhi Petrov) Flour Mill.
 6. The Tundzha River at Yambol has a maximum depth of one to one and one-half meters in autumn and spring, but it dries up completely during the summer. Its banks are low and do not present a serious obstacle to vehicles. It is bridged at only two places:
 - a. Between the railroad station and the main part of the city, a wooden bridge, 10 to 15 meters long and about two meters above the water level; two trucks can pass on this bridge, but only with great difficulty; and
 - b. Between the Tundzha Mill and the municipal park, a concrete bridge for pedestrians.
 7. Rail and highway travel to and from Yambol is unrestricted, except in the direction of the Turkish border. A special permit (Otkrit List) from the police is necessary for travel to even the nearest village in that direction, and no one may buy a ticket without this permit.
 8. Documents are not checked at the entrance to the railroad station, in the waiting room, in the restaurant, or on the platform, nor are tickets checked at the entrance to the platform. Platform tickets (peronna karta) are not required and are not even sold at the station.
1. Comment: The "Résultats Préliminaires de Recensement de la Population au 31 Décembre 1946" lists the population of Yambol city as 30,311. 50X1-HUM

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